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SUBJ: CUBANS REPORT ANGOLAN CLAIMS OF ZAIRE AND SOUTH AFRICAN
MILITARY PRESSURES

1. GRANMA, JUNE 23, PUBLISHES REPORT OF DECLARATION BY ANGOLAN
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE CLAIMING THAT "RECENT AGGRESSIONS" OF FNLA
AND UNITA IN NORTH AND SOUTH OF ANGOLA ARE PART OF "NEW PREPARA-
TION FOR AN AGGRESSION AGAINST ANGOLA". ANGOLANS ALSO DENOUNCE
ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THEIR AIRSPACE BY SOUTH AFRICANS FROM
NAMIBIA AS WELL AS "ALMOST DAILY" RECONNAISANCE FLIGHTS BY ZAIRE
AIR FORCE OVER CABINDA. ANGOLANS ALSO CLAIM THAT FNLA GROUPS
ARE CONCENTRATED ALONG THE ANGOLAN NORTHEAST BORDER AND ATTACKS
BY UNITA FORCES HAVE TAKEN PLACE WHICH HAVE EMANATED FROM BASES
IN SHABA.

2. COMMENT: CUBAN REPORTING OF ANGOLAN DECLARATION IS
PRESUMABLY INTENDED TO COUNTER WESTERN DEMANDS THAT
ANGOLANS AND CUBANS UNILATERALLY ACT AGAINST KATANGA GENDARMES.
CASTRO, IN HIS JUNE 16 INTERVIEW FOR US TELEVISION (HAVANA
1656) CALLED ON PRESIDENT CARTER TO STOP FNLA, UNITA AND
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FLEC INCURSIONS INTO ANGOLA. HIS REMARKS SUGGESTED THAT
THE CUBANS WERE SEEKING TO FOSTER US PRESSURE ON SOUTH
AFRICA AND ZAIRE IN EXCHANGE FOR CUBAN/ANGOLAN ACTION TO
RESTRAIN KATANGANS - A TRADEOFF ANGOLANS PRESUMABLY NOW ARE
SPELLING OUT TO AMBASSADOR MCHENRY.
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